

The undefeated Season – Match reports

6/24/07 – DCC vs United at NTCA 4

DCC secured full 26 points against a depleted united squad. Carl T opened the bowling and was on fire from ball one. He took 4 wickets in his first spell and Sudha took one from the other end as United were struggling at 58/5 in 15 overs. Farhan Hameed played some good shots and it seemed that he might help his team put up a decent score when Adil Malik came on to bowl some great yorkers to get 3 wickets all bowled in 2 overs. Charan got one as united were 9 down and finally rahul gave the Carl the ball once more to give him a chance for a fiver and he didnt disappoint by taking only 3 ball to get through the defences. united were all out for 130.

DCC lost Adil Malik early but Vish and Dennis steadied things and just as it looked like they would go all the way Dennis got out with the score on 70. Halpesh Patel came in and blasted the bowling as DCC needed 61 runs in 7 overs to secure all 3 batting points which they managed with 3 balls to spare. Vish remained not out on 50 and Halpesh a strokeful 30 odd.

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6/10/07 – DCC vs Ismailia at Sandy lake

DCC dodge the Ismailia Bullet

DCC scraped past Ismailia in a nail biting encounter yesterday. After DCC won the toss and batted first, all was looking good as they had already mustered up 54 runs in 9 overs without the loss of a wicket until the young Hrishikesh Singhania ran through the top half of the DCC batting line up in an amazing spell of seam bowling. He got the top 5 batsmen either bowled or LBW and DCC from 54/0 slipped to 80/6 after Aziz got Vinod clean bowled for nought. DCC strength has been depth and it was Halpesh Patel to the rescue this time as he took the attack to Ismailia by cracking some wonderful boundaries. Carl T and Ramana put on useful stands with Halpesh and took the score to 142/7 after 30 overs. After that Jai Desai came in to bowl some fast yorkers as DCC folded up for 167 with Halpesh being the last man out for about 40 runs.

The confidence in the DCC bowling is so strong that they came out after the break looking absolutely satisfied with the runs they had to defend. Carl T started off bowling so quick and venomous that the slips had to move back to nearly the 30 yard circle. Vinod got the break through from the other end trapping Aziz and getting Kami bowled and then Carl T bowled a vicious bouncer to Raghu who was helpless fending the ball to Vinod at silly mid on. Ramana who replaced big T came in a got Shashank LBW and Ismailia were struggling at 24/4 in 13 overs. After that it was all Tanveer who is playing his last few matches in NTCA before he moves back to Bombay for good. Tanveer ran hard and pushed his partners to keep the score ticking over and also dismissed the bad balls to the fence.

At 70/4 Carl T was brought back and immediately produced the wicket of Ram off another fast short ball as Dennis took a stunning catch diving to his right from first slip. Jay Desai looked good until he was unable to clear mid on off Charan and at the 30 over break Ismailia were 90/6 needing 78 off 15 overs.

Hrishi and tanveer looked to take the game away by running hard as the equation dropped to 60 off 11 overs when Adil got Hrishi LBW. Kashif came in and the scoring rate improved as he kept hitting the ball hard and with the speed of Tanveer and Kashif, DCC couldnt stop the singles or the twos. With 35 required off 7 overs, their speed got the better off them as Kashif backed up too far with the ball hit straight to short midwicket as Richie with a clean pickup and throw to Vinods hands found Kashif a yard short after being sent back by Tanveer. Vinod then got Sachin bowled and the next over Tanveer holed out to Richie at long on off Adil to give DCC a 25 run win.

Even though DCC won the game, the true stars of the game were Hrishi with the ball and Tanveer with the bat.

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5/20/07 – DCC vs Cubs at NTCA 4

Mentally Strong DCC overpower Plano Cubs

The Cubs DCC game was always going to be a very important game with Cubs only loss so far coming at the hands of DCC and that was just a 1 run victory. Cubs had also brought in Niraj Shah from Houston for this game - Looked like Niraj had also come as a scout for next weekends Central west Championships.

Rahul won the toss and elected to bat but it all started wrong as Goutham bowled Adil in his second over itself. Rahul played out some excellent bowling by Goutham but eventually nicked one to the keeper and the score read 26/2. Dennis and Charan played some steady percentage cricket to take the team to 60/2 at the 15 over break. Right after the break, Dennis who was looking so good was run out and Cubs looked right on top. In a surprise move, Rahul sent Arun Vitalla at number 5 and what an innings he played. Arun and Charan pushed for the ones and twos and Arun also kept finding the ropes consistently. At the score of 120 in the 30th over Arun(33) had a lapse of concentration and was leg before to Pradeep.

Vinod joined Charan who was holding the innings together playing absolutely solid. The two managed to push the the fielders who were starting to fumble under pressure and the scoring rate increased. in the 38th over the score had already reached 190/4 when Charan was run out by Vinod calling him for a non existant 3rd run. Charan was dismissed for an excellent 59. Then came Goutham's dream spell. he just ran through the rest of the DCC batting bowling every one in his path with some excellent yorkers swinging in at good pace. His accuracy was just incredible as DCC crumbled to 211 all out in the 43rd over itself. Goutham finished with 6 wickets and even the batsman who was set on 57 couldnt dig out his yorker. 😊

DCC had a dream start with the ball as wickets fell in each of the first 3 overs. Carl T was magnificent. He got Anoop

Bowled in the first over. Sudha got Sanjay pulling early in his first over for Dennis to take a superb catch and then Rahul diving full length to his right pulled off a sensational catch of Sunil Daniel in Carl's next over. Niraj and Vivek were content to play defense while the two blowers continued troubling both batsmen. The pressure finally got the better of them as Niraj pushed to Mid on and took off for a single only to be a yard short of his crease by Dennis's superb piece of fielding resulting in a direct hit. At 20/4 Goutham and Vivek defended the bowling and took Cubs to 41/4 at the 15 over break.

right after the break Vinod set Goutham up with a few slower balls and pitched up balls before digging one short and Goutham obliged by pulling the ball straight to Charan at short midwicket. 45/5 and Vivek was the only batsman between DCC and victory. Vivek started playing his shots at this point and scored some good looking boundaries. At the other end Adil bowled Pradeep with a quicker one and it was 90/6. Arun got Arjun caught very well by Charan at slip and then right before the break Charan got Vivek swinging across the line to trap him leg before and it was 100/8 after 30 overs.

Charan then picked up the last two wickets as Kartik caught Vinay K at deep midwicket and Rahul took a good catch standing up to get the last man Bhargav as Cubs innings folded up for less than 120. It was a comprehensive victory with the entire team contributing and the DCC fielding looked top class. The umpiring by Pradeep and Prashant of rangers 2 was very good and consistent. The cheer leading squad of wives from both teams also made the game more enjoyable.

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5/6/07 – DCC vs Metroplex at NTCA 4 DCC fight back from the brink to remain undefeated

The battle of the last two remaining undefeated teams in the Premier league proved to be as thrilling an encounter as can be expected. Metroplex put DCC in to bat and were rewarded with a wicket of the first ball of the game as Vish mistimes one to Mid off Hitesh. Things only got worse for DCC as Rahul was bowled by Hemant and then Charan caught identical to Vish's dismissal. Arun promoted in the order was caught behind off Hemant and then just as Dennis who was playing some glorious shots was bowled by Vipul as DCC were tottering at 47/5 after 12 overs. Halpesh and Vinod saw them through the 15 over break.

After the break Halpesh looked in fine nick and Vinod was just content defending the ball as Patil Patel bowled through his 9 overs bowling 3 maidens to Vinod 😊. Just as it seemed a partnership was building Halpesh(31) his a loose delivery from Vipul straight to deep midwicket. 90/6. At the 30 over break DCC were 104/6. Carl T got out first over after the break and in came Adil Malik batting at 9 because of an injured thumb. Injury or no injury, Adil(39) played like a champ, fighting the pain and still managing to strike the ball hard. The two pushed the ones and twos and put the loose balls away and then really cut loose in the last 5 to take DCC to a respectable 205/8 with Vinod unbeaten on 72(lets not get to his strike rate 😊). But more importantly the momentum had swung.

Carl T bowling against the wind bowled with some astounding pace and got Bhiku pulling a top edge to Arun at first slip and the Hemant edging safe into Rahul's gloves. Vipul Bhakta tried to take the game away with some great shots but was soon bowled by the big T. 55/3 in 7 overs and the hitting just continued with Keyur taking over. Uday was LBW to Charan an over before the 15 over break and Metroplex were 104/4 needing just 100 more in 30 overs.

Keyur continued hammering the bowling after the break until tarang pulled off a great catch at long off - 136/5. Carl T now bowling with the wind was unplayable as the batsmen were fending off deliveries to the slip cordon. Vinod took one catch to get rid off Jayesh and messed another one before bowling the same batsman next over from the other end. By the time Carl T finished his 9 overs, Metroplex were 150/7 and then Vinod pulled off another catch at covers off Charan right before the break to get Hitesh out and after 30 overs, Metroplex were 161/8.

Right after the break, Sudha got Patil Patel edging to Rahul and it seemed like the game was all over with metroplex still needing over 40 runs for the last wicket. But Hasu Patel wasn't going down without a fight. He hit some terrific blows including a towering six off Vinod. But in the end still requiring 20 runs to win Vinod had the last laugh as he caught Hasu Chacha diving to his left at gully off Sudha and the back and forth exchange of blows was finally over with DCC still standing after 13 rounds.

Umpires Srinadh and Sachin from Collin County did a great job in a game that was played in good spirit apart from the occasional taunting.

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4/22/07 – DCC vs United at Lewisville DCC beat United by 5 wickets

DCC won the toss at the United ground and put the hosts in to bat. United had a bad start losing Ayaz Sheikh early adjudged leg before to Adil. Both Bilal Lodhi and Rizwan Sheikh seemed to be building a partnership and trying to ensure that no more wickets fell. The proceedings were slow but the batsmen seemed to be doing their job until Vipul came in for a dream spell and got both Rizwan top edging for Rahul to complete the catch and then Bilal bowled off a beauty. Vinod got a wicket at the other end and United were 60 odd for 4 wickets in 20 overs.

It was here that Farhan and Ishwar put together a partnership that looked to take the game away on a very slow outfield. They ran extremely well between wickets and DCC looked to be wilting under the pressure they put on the fielders. Charan provided the breakthrough after the 30 over break with Farhan skying one to Vinod at long off and then wickets fell at regular intervals even though Ishwar displayed some fine hitting until the end. He remained not out on 80 but United had made the cardinal sin of not batting out their 45 overs as they were all out for 204 in the 44th over.

DCC had an awful start with the law of averages catching up with Adil Malik who got out to a good catch by Bila at first slip for nought. Vishwa was the next to go caught at deep midwicket trying to break the shackles. Iqbal was bowling a great spell at one end keeping the batsmen quiet but once his spell was over, the batting seemed a lot easier with Rahul playing some great shots in the able company of Charan. Rahul(57) finally fell to an outstanding catch by Bilal after

scoring a fifty at the score of 101 in 22 overs. Charan (35) after a very solid innings played one loose shot the last ball before the 2nd break and the score was 138/4 after 30. Dennis and Halpesh then took the game away from United with some glorious strokes all around the park and with just 25 to win, Halpesh was caught brilliantly by Rizwan but it was little too late as DCC reached the target with 5 overs to spare and Dennis was unbeaten on a strokeful 45.

United played their hearts out and fought till the bitter end even though they were outmatched. Their catching was outstanding. Both nadeem Haroon and Faisal Ali from carrollton did a good job umpiring the game.

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4/15/07 – DCC vs Ismailia at NTCA 4

Ismailia lost to DCC by about 50 runs today. Winning the toss and batting first, DCC scored 250 for the loss of 6 wkts. Adib bowled beautifully for his 3 wkts and the other bowlers supported him nicely. They were backed superbly by the 10 people on the field, who gave it everything to compensate for the missing 11th man. Chasing 250 with a depleted batting line up missing Tanveer and Riaz against an extremely competent DCC bowling attack was always going to be tougher, and it was made all the more tough by the loss of Ashwin's wkt to the ever threatening Carl T, followed by sudha getting the in form Raghu bowled. DCC then managed to break promising partnerships between Kamran(34 of 54), Shashank (44 of 57) and Hrishu (51* of 53). Ismailia lost their 9 wickets for 195, handing DCC their third win of the season.

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4/8/07 – DCC vs Texas Rangers at NTCA 4

DCC beat Texas Rangers by 8 wickets on a cold Easter sunday

Rangers won the toss and elected to bat. The DCC fielders had gone through an hours warm up and the cold didnt seem to affect them much but Rangers still managed to get to a decent start losing a solitary wicket in the first 9 overs for 50 runs due to some brilliant fielding by Halpesh at point. But then the next 6 overs saw them score just an additional 9 runs for the lost of 2 wickets to end up at 59/3 at the break.

Arun was bowling a dream spell - he had bowled 6 overs for just 7 runs and had picked up two wickets and Vinod thrived on the presure created by Arun to get two scalps at the other end including the dangerous Wasim Khan. Adil joined the party getting Atif caught at gully and Rangers were struggling at 94/6 in 24 overs. Waqar Hussain then played a gem of an innings shielding the rest of the batsmen from the strike and scoring boundaries at will. Syed Kamal gave him good support for the 7th wicket for a 80 run partnership until Sudha got him bowled. The rest of the batsmen couldnt give much support to Waqar who finally holed out to Vinod at deep extra cover for an excellent 87 and the Rangers innings folded up for 214 in the 44th over. Adil and Vinod ended up with 3 wickets and Arun with 2.

Gopal and Adil looked to see off the new ball threat of Kamran Khan. Gopal after doing all the hard work against Kamran threw his wicket away at the other end and the score read 28/1 in 8 overs. Rahul then joined Adil and the two played some glorious strokes to take the game away from the Rangers. Adil was at his merciless best and Rahul looked in complete control driving and cutting the ball along the ground for effortless boundaries. With just 50 runs to win Adil spooned a catch to long off after making 80 in the 27th over. Halpesh remained unbeaten with Rahul at the end who scored an effortless 105 not out to see DCC home in the 33rd over itself.

The game was played in good spirit and the umpiring by Owais and Ashar was very good.

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4/1/07 – DCC vs Carrollton at Garland DCC overcome Carrollton and wet outfield to win by 82 runs

The DCC team led by the captain spent hours getting ready for a tough encounter with Carrollton (boosted by the inclusion of Asif Mujtaba) at the local watering hole on friday night. They were im sure discussing team strategy until 4 am and spirits were high.

The credit for the game being played goes solely to Bilal Zahid, the Carrollton skipper who toiled all morning without much help from ground staff to get the umpires approval to play the game -- a 35 overs reduced affair at the Garland Cricket ground.

Bilal won the toss and as expected on a very wet outfield inserted DCC in. the skipper bowled an awesome opening spell where he was literally untouchable by both the DCC openers. But as runs flowed from the other end, DCC were well on course without losing a wicket in the first 10. Faisal brought in first change got the break through with Asif Mujataba taking Vishwa's catch at first slip. Adil Malik who was looking extremely dangerous was then dismissed by Asif caught by Bilal for a well made 45.

After that it was all Asif Mujtaba who was beating the batsmen with flight and turn and then breaking through Rahul's defence with a well disguised arm ball. he then got Charan(the new find for DCC) bowled and DCC were 90 for 4. Dennis(31) and Vinod(46) somehow survived the best spell of spin bowling they had faced and kept the score moving with singles and twos.

Eventually DCC ended up with 196/9 from 35 overs thanks to some great running between the wickets. Considering the wet outfield, this was a huge score.

Carl T and Sudha bowled an outstanding first spell giving nothing away to the Carrollton openers. Sudha had a couple of close shouts against Asif Mujtaba and then he was let off in the field off big T's bowling. But the DCC spirits were high and the bowling remained accurate. T and Sudha got a wicket each and Adil Malik got the prize scalp of Mujtaba as Carrollton were struggling at 40/3 in 13 overs. Then came the surprise package. Charan Gowda bowled an outstanding spell of line and length and was rewarded with 5 wickets killing any hopes of a Carrollton fight back. He was on a hat-trick at one stage and was only denied by the slip fielder from Mysore who had just stated that if the catch came his way he would put his life on it but will hold on. Vinod and Tarang got the remaining two wickets as Carrollton were bowled out for 114

MOM - Charan 5 wickets and Adil 45 runs, 1 catch and **1 TEST WICKET** 😊

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3/18/07 – DCC vs Cubs at NTCA 4

DCC edged past the Cubs by 1 run in a nailbiting thriller.

Rahul won the toss and elected to bat first and it seemed to be a great decision when Adil Malik and Vishwa managed to see of the new ball threat of Gautam bowling with the wind. The pair put on 115 runs for the first wicket before Adil skied one to deep midwicket for Vinay Krishnappa to take an excellent catch for 64. Vish also got out eventually for a well compiled 60 but then DCC collapsed to some fine bowling and fielding from the Cubs to get all out in the 45th over for just 235.

During this a terrible on field incident took place when Rahul hit one hard to Sai at Cover and it broke his right thumb. It was the most gruesome sight. I really hope he will be fine. It was simply an awful sight to see and any updates on his condition will be appreciated.

Reddy and Anoop did a very good job opening the innings for Cubs. In desperation Rahul turned to Adil Malik who didn't disappoint by getting Reddy yorked. Anoop who had been doing the bulk of the scoring was then foxed by the old fox Arun for Rahul to effect a great stumping. Vivek the new star for Cubs recruited from the Univ of Texas at Arlington batted simply awesome. He looked a class act middling the ball from the start and taking full toll on anything loose. Sunil Daniel was caught behind off Vinod and then Gautam got a couple of lives before he was beaten by Arun to lob a simple catch to Dennis at point.

Cubs still needed 100 runs to win off 20 overs but Pradeep who joined Vivek looked in great nick and two almost took Cubs home. With just 35 needed off 8 overs Rahul in his last throw of the dice gave the ball to Richie who got the vital breakthrough of Vivek who had scored a brilliant 90. DCC were now charged up and the bowlers started running in with a lot more purpose. With 17 needed off 4 overs Vinod got Pradeep and Vinay trapped leg before off slower balls and Arjun was run out with a good piece of fielding by Adil off his first ball. With Sai not available to bat, Cubs needed another 14 from the last pair. In came Sudha to bowl and what a couple of overs. He gave away nothing.

Finally Sudha was to bowl the last over of the innings and Cubs needed just 2 runs to win. 4 dot balls and Cubs still needed 2 off 2 balls. Srinivas Gunutupalli who had got the Cubs so far slashed at the first ball with some width and the edge flew to Vinod at first slip who hung on gleefully. Cubs had thrown away the game and DCC had fought back from the jaws of defeat. This must be a heartbreaking defeat for the Cubs and it's a pity that one team had to come out on the losing side of such a great game of cricket.

Shahanawaz and Zahid Bhai did a great umpiring job and were a pleasure to have on the field. They did a great job maintaining the spirit of the game with some good humor on a long long day.

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